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Provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work

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Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening of the session

The Executive Board will hear opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF.

Organizational and procedural matters

2. Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
For decision (E/ICEF/2017/5)

The provisional agenda has been prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board on the basis of the programme of work adopted by the Board at its second regular session of 2016 and the recommendations of the Bureau. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments it considers necessary.

Programme and policy matters

3. Annual report for 2016 of the Executive Director of UNICEF
For decision (E/ICEF/2017/6)

The report covers 2016, the third year of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014-2017. It takes stock of the progress made towards the aims of the Strategic Plan, presenting and analysing progress and performance against key indicators of the Plan. The report is accompanied by an addendum on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (QCPR) and achievements against the Integrated Results and Resources Framework of the Strategic Plan as well as a scorecard and data companion.

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UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit
For information (E/ICEF/2017/8)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2001/4, the report summarizes the UNICEF response to recommendations that are relevant to the organization, contained in reports and notes issued from December 2015 through December 2016.

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4. UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, draft for review
For information (E/ICEF/2017/12)

The draft UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 and draft results matrices are presented to the Executive Board for discussion, in accordance with Executive Board decisions 2016/5 and 2017/3, and in line with the QCPR and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. A final draft of the Strategic Plan will be

presented to the Executive Board for discussion and approval at its second regular session of 2017.

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5. Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2014-2017

For information (E/ICEF/2017/9)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/8, the report provides an update on programmatic and institutional results, including financial resources and expenditures, based on the results matrix, indicators and performance benchmarks of the Gender Action Plan.

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6. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Country programme documents

For decision

The country programme document listed below is presented to the Executive Board for discussion and approval on a no-objection basis, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1. A costed evaluation plan for the country programme is posted to the UNICEF Executive Board website alongside the document. The United Nations Development Assistance Framework results matrix is available through the UNICEF Executive Board website, where applicable.

West and Central Africa

Cameroon (E/ICEF/2017/P/L.3)

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

For decision (E/ICEF/2017/P/L.4)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be informed of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes of Lesotho, Liberia and Nicaragua.

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

7. Evaluation reports and management perspective and response

Annual report for 2016 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management perspective
For decision (E/ICEF/2017/11); *for information* (UNICEF/2017/EB/6)

The annual report is prepared in accordance with Executive Board decision 2008/4, which requested UNICEF to report annually to the Board on the evaluation function and on the findings and recommendations of evaluations. The report provides information on global developments in evaluation and the current state of the evaluation function in UNICEF, and outlines progress made in response to requests contained in Board decisions. The report is accompanied by a management perspective.

UNICEF focal point for the annual report:
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United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF): Review of development effectiveness, 2012-2015, and management response
For information

The report provides an overview of the development effectiveness of UNICEF based on evidence from evaluations completed from 2012 to 2015. Analysis of the findings from previous evaluations enabled the systematic assessment of performance in achieving development results over recent years. The evidence base was also examined for coverage and quality. While reaching broadly positive conclusions, the review identified several areas in which UNICEF needs to further strengthen its performance and provides a set of recommendations intended to support improvements. The report is accompanied by a management response.

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8. Internal Audit and Investigations

Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2016 annual report to the Executive Board
For decision (E/ICEF/2017/AB/L.2)

The report, prepared annually in accordance with Executive Board decision 1997/28, provides an overview of the Office, describes the key issues highlighted by its internal audit and investigations work, summarizes the organizational follow-up to the implementation of audit recommendations and provides information on the

disclosure of internal audit reports during 2016, in accordance with decision 2012/13. The report also includes an overall opinion, based on the scope of internal audit work undertaken by the Office, on the adequacy and effectiveness of the organization's framework of governance, risk management and control, in accordance with decision 2015/11.

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Management response to the Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2016 annual report to the Executive Board
For information (E/ICEF/2017/AB/L.3)

The management response is submitted to the Executive Board in accordance with several decisions, the most recent being decision 2016/8.

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UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2016 annual report
For information

The annual report of this independent external oversight body is presented to the Executive Board for information.

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9. Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2016
For information (E/ICEF/2017/10)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2010/18, the annual report on the activities of the Ethics Office is submitted to the Board at its annual session.

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Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

10. Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association

The Chairperson of the Global Staff Association addresses the Executive Board at its annual session.

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11. Reports on the field visits of the Executive Board

For information (UNICEF/2017/EB/7 and UNICEF/2017/EB/8)

The following two reports will be presented: report of the field visit of the Bureau of the Executive Board of UNICEF to Lesotho and South Africa, from 3 to 10 March 2017 and report of the field visit of the Executive Board to Egypt and Lebanon, from 21 to 30 March 2017).

12. Other matters

The Executive Board has before it the provisional list of agenda items for its second regular session of 2017 and may consider discussing any other issue under this agenda item.

13. Adoption of draft decisions

14. UNICEF Staff Awards and closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board

Following the announcement of the 2017 Staff Awards, the Executive Board will hear statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board.

Provisional timetable and organization of work for the annual session 2017 of the UNICEF Executive Board 13-16 June 2017[1]

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			UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit
	1.15-2.45		*Informal consultation*
	p.m. 3.00-5.00	Item 4	UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, draft for review
	5.00-6.00		*Informal consultations*
Wednesday 14 June	a.m. 10.00-1.00	Item 5	Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2014-2017
		Item 6	UNICEF programme cooperation
			(a) Country programme documents
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	1.15-2.45		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3.00-5.00	Item 7	Annual report for 2016 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management perspective
			United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF): Review of development effectiveness, 2012-2015, and management response
	5.00-6.00		*Informal consultations*
Thursday 15 June	a.m. 10.00-1.00	Item 8	Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2016 annual report to the Executive Board
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			UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2016 annual report
		Item 9	Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2016
	1.15-2.45		*Informal consultations*

[1] When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable will be adjusted accordingly.

	p.m.	Item 10	Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association
	3.00-5.00	Item 11	Reports on the field visits of the UNICEF Executive Board
	5.00-6.00		*Informal consultations*
Friday 16 June	a.m. 10.00-1.00	Item 12	Other matters
		Item 13	Adoption of draft decisions
		Item 14	UNICEF Staff Awards and closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board